



Docket No.: 21146 US (C038435/0178278)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Michihiko KATAOKA and Sakayu SHIMIZU) Examiner: Satyendra K. Singh
Serial No.: 10/505,396) Art Unit: 1657
Filed: August 20, 2004)
For: **ENONE REDUCTASE**)

New York, New York
November 20, 2006

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING
AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before November 27, 2006, because November 26, 2006 falls on a Sunday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. 11/27/2006 TRESHAW1 00000013 10505396
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37 CFR § 1.17. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION begin on page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 9 of this paper.